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NEWS CONFERENCE; OTHER PAPERS HAVE EXCERPTS, SUMMARIES.

WSJ'S LARGE SEES PRES STARTING PROCESS OF PUTTING BEST FACE ON US SEA POLICY DEFEAT, IN BOTH DIPLOMATIC, POLITICAL TERMS; NOTES HE REFUSED CONCEDE SVN CAUSE LOST. WP'S WILSON OBSERVES PRES SHUNNED DIRECT MIL ACTION, FOCUSED ON HUMANITARIAN MOVES. QUOTES ADMIN OFFICIALS THAT EMPHASIS IS CLEAR SIGNAL FORD HAD DECIDED FALL OF ALL OR MOST SVN IRREVERSIBLE. KEY CONGRESSMEN INDICATE MIL REVERSES HAVE HARDENED RESISTANCE TO ADMIN APPEAL FOR EXTRA SVN MIL AID. WP'S CANNON POINTS OUT PRES WARNED FOES US WILL NOT BACK DOWN ON COMMITMENTS, INDICATED FORCE WILL BE USED IF NECESSARY TO PROTECT AMCIT LIVES IN SVN, AND IMPLIED CONGRESS WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE BY US PUBLIC IF SVN FALLS. NYT'S HERBERS SAYS PRES TRIED PUT OPTIMISTIC TONE ON WORLD OUTLOOK DESPITE CRISIS SITUATION. ADDS BECAUSE ADMIN STILL SEEKS AID, HAS REFRAINED BLAME CONGRESS FOR PRESENT PROBLEMS. NYT'S FINNEY DISCUSSES WAR POWERS

ACT THAT PRES SAID GIVES HIM AUTHORITY USE TROOPS RESCUE ENDANGERED AMCITS; MENTIONS POSSIBLE APPLICATION IN SVN, CAMBODIA.

SUN'S TREWHITT BELIEVES PRES, IN EFFECT, BLAMED THIEU AND CONGRESS FOR SVN "TRAGEDY"; IN OFF-THE-RECORD MEETING BEFORE CONFERENCE, FORD DISCUSSED THIEU'S "IMPROPER AND UNNECESSARY" HIGHLANDS WITHDRAWAL, THOUGH UED "SOFTER" WORDS ON TV. PRES REFUSED ASSESS BLAME DIRECTLY FOR SVN COLLAPSE, BUT LEFT LITTLE DOUBT HOW HE ASSIGNS RESPONSIBILITY. CALLS PRES' DISENCHANTMENT WITH THIEU "IMPLICIT BUT CLEAR." QUOTES ADMIN OFFICIAL IN WASHINGTON THAT "WE HAVE A BIT OF A CREDIBILITY PROBLEM THERE" BECAUSE PRES' MESSAGE CONTAINED SEVERAL INHERENT CONTRADICTIONS. NYDN'S HEALY EMPHASIZES PRES' "DRAMATIC" MOBILIZATION OF SHIPS AND PLANES TO RESCUE THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES AND ORPHANS FROM SVN.

ALL PAPERS GIVE EXTENSIVE NEWS/PHOTO COVERAGE TO ARRIVAL 57 ORPHANS FROM SVN; HELP, ADOPTION OFFERS POUR IN FROM THROUGHOUT COUNTRY; WORLD AIRWAYS' PRES DALY HIRED BY COUNCIL ON ADOPTABLE CHILDREN TO GO CAMBODIA, ARRANGE UNCLASSIFIED

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LIFT OF 200 KHMER ORPHANS TO US; PRES ANNOUNCES LAUNCHING 2 MILLION DOL EMERGENCY AIRLIFT FOR 2000 VIET ORPHANS WHOSE ADOPTION BY US COUPLES SET. SEVERAL PAPERS CARRY LISTS OF VOLAGS INVOLVED IN WORKING WITH VIET ORPHANS.

WP CARRIES AP STORY FROM SAIGON OF VIET MOTHER WHO GAVE UP 3 CHILDREN IN HOPES THEY WILL BE ADOPTED IN US. CSM AND WP (AP) NOTE BILL EXPECTED REACH HOUSE

FLOOR THIS MONTH PERMITTING SINGLES ADOPT FOREIGN CHILDREN; NOT SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED AT VIET CHILDREN, BUT ADOPTION OF SEVERAL HAD BEEN BLOCKED BY PRESENT LAW THAT SPECIFIES COUPLES. CSM NOTES US QUIETLY BUT URGENTLY STUDYING PLANS TO EVACUATE UP TO 1 MILLION VIETS BEFORE COUNTRY FALLS, ACCORDING TO US OFFICIALS, WHO KEEP QUIET ABOUT PLANNING BECAUSE WORD MAY LEAD TO MORE SVN PANIC, NYDN'S GOTTLIEB WRITES OF VN VETS AND WAR BRIDES WHO AGONIZE OVER FATE OF KIN IN SVN. NYDN'S LIFF TELLS OF 26-YR-OLD VIET VET WHO PLANS RETURN TO SAIGON TO "RESCUE" FIANCÉE.

GVN OBSERVERS AT UN BERATE, APPEAL TO US. SAY EVEN THOUGH AMERICANS CLOSED EYES, EARS, CONSCIENCES TO SVN PLIGHT, SHOULD HELP REFUGEES (AP, NYT). PATRICIA SMITH, WHO SPENT 16 YRS IN CENTRAL HIGHLANDS, LEFT SVN AFTER HAVING ABANDON KONTUM HOSPITAL (AP, NYT). CSM'S SOUTHERLAND IN SAIGON DESCRIBES ONGOING FLIGHT OF REFUGEES TO EVER-

DWINDLING NUMBER OF SAFE-HAVENS. UPI SAIGON REPORTS EVEN FOREIGNERS WHO CAN LEAVE BEAR PAIN OF SAIGON'S SUFFERING (NYDN, WP). WP'S MCCOMBS IN SAIGON REPORTS TENS OF THOUSANDS TRY FLEE SAIGON URGENTLY, AND THINK IN TERMS OF HOURS OR DAYS BEFORE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER. BELIEVES TWO FACTORS MAKE LARGE-SCALE EVACUATION UNLIKELY: SPEED OF COMMUNIST ADVANCE, AND VAST NUMBERS WHO WANT LEAVE. NYT'S ROSENBAUM SAYS WASHINGTON OFFICIALS DOUBT ADMIN'S EFFORT TO HELP REFUGEES WILL MARKEDLY IMPROVE SVN DETERIORATION. CHITRIB'S YATES (PHINQ) FROM CAM RANH "REFUGEE TRAIL" DESCRIBES SITUATION WHERE COPTERS TRY HELP THOSE FLEEING. WP'S GREENWAY IN SAIGON INTERVIEWS SOLDIER WHO ESCAPED FROM NVA CAPTURE AND DESCRIBED SHOOTING OF SOME. GREENWAY NOTES TALES UNCONFIRMED, SOMETIMES INVOLVE UNCLASSIFIED

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ARVN, SO ATROCITY RUMORS NOT ONE-SIDED. NYT'S ANDELMAN IN PP REPORTS VOLAGS HAVE BEGUN EFFORTS CARRY ON IF GOVT FORMED BY INSURGENTS.

SUN'S SEHLSTEDT NOTES MORE CALLS IN CONGRESS FOR SVN HUMANITARIAN AID. QUOTES KENNEDY THAT PRES "COMPLETELY UNIMAGINATIVE" IN RESPONDING TO NEEDS, AND MANSFIELD THAT US HAS "MORAL OBLIGATION" PROVIDE SPEEDY HUMANITARIAN AID. GLOBE'S WEMIEL SAYS POLL TAKEN BY REP DRINAN SHOWS 86-PCT MAJORITY IN HIS DISTRICT OPPOSES MORE SVN MIL AID.

VC AT GENEVA TELL UNICEF MILLION IN NEWLY-CAPTURED AREA ARE REFUGEES, ASK AID FOR CHILDREN THERE (NYT SPECIAL). SWEDISH GOVT ANNOUNCES GIFT OF 6 MILLION DOLS FOR HUMANITARIAN AID TO SVN, WITH HALF TO PRG DIRECTLY. SEC

GEN EXPLAINS WHY UN HASN'T STEPPED FORWARD TO HELP IN SVN REFUGEE PROBLEM (PHINQ). AFP HANOI REPORTS NVN ASKS WORLD FOR HELP IN AREAS OF SVN CAPTURED BY COMMUNISTS. DRV ALSO CLAIMS MANY REFUGEES FORCED TO LEAVE HOMES BY GVN, AND THAT US HAS AKSED UN TAKE PART IN FORCED-EVACUATION SCHEME. MANY COUNTRIES OFFER GVN, PRG AID, OR SAY WILL ACCEPT REFUGEES.

CALLS FOR THIEU'S OUSTER SWEEP SAIGON AS COMMUNISTS THREATEN CAPITAL, WITH FORCE OF 50,000 TROOPS POISED 45-55 MILES AWAY IN TAY NINH AND LONG KHANH PROVS. COUP CALLS COINCIDE WITH FIRST ATTACK ON THIEU BY RC ARCHBISHOP, WHILE REV THANH ASKS FOLLOWERS CLOSE RANKS WITH ARMY, OVERTHROW PRES. ANTI-THIEU DEMONSTRATION OCCURS, AND TIGHT CURFEW IMPOSED ON CITY (NYDN). COMMUNIST DELAYING ADVANCE AS PRESSURE INCREASES ON THIEU; FOOD SHORTAGES, RUNS ON BANKS OCCUR. NOT KNOWN WHETHER COMMUNISTS REGROUPING OR AWAITING ANSWER TO APPARENT PEACE FEELERS. CITY TENSE, NEW DEFENSES

ERECTED, AIRPORT JAMMED WITH FOREIGNERS AND RESIDENTS TRYING FLEE (PHINQ). GVN TIGHTENS SAIGON SECURITY. SPOKESMAN SAYS SOME MIL UNITS THAT RETREATED FROM NORTHERN PROVS READY FOR COMBAT SOON (AP, SUN).

GVN ANNOUNCES COUP ATTEMPT FOILED, NUMBER ALLEGED PARTICI-  
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PANTS ARRESTED, INCLUDING FORMER PRES AIDE, KY ASSISTANT. JITTERY SAIGON AWAITS NEXT COMMUNIST MOVE. DESPITE CHORUS OF APPEALS THAT THIEU STEP DOWN, NO SIGN HE WILL HEED THEM (OBERDORFER, WP). POLICE FIRE ON UNRULY TROOPS IN VUNG TAU (UPI, WP). FIVE NVA DIVS SAID POISED NW AND NE OF SAIGON AS VC TAKE DISTRICT TOWN 45 MILES TO NORTH. HANOI RADIO SAID ACTION TAKEN PUNISH ARVN "DIEHARD COMMANDERS" AT TUY HOA, IN BROADCAST THAT INDICATED SOME TUY HOA TAKEOVER ASPECTS WERE BLOODY (WP).

WEYAND IN SAIGON SAID ARVN COULD STILL DEFEAT NVA. OFFERED UBBEAT ASSESSMENT DESPITE MIL SITUATION AT PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE. DID NOT GIVE INDICATION OF POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS HE WILL MAKE TO PRES (ISAACS, SUN). SENIOR DOD OFFICIALS EXPECT NVA DRIVE TO ISOLATE SAIGON BY CUTTING IT OFF FROM DELTA (MIDDLETON, NYT). MIL ACTION FALLS OFF BUT TENSIONS RISE IN SAIGON (BROWNE, NYT). SVN COLLAPSE CAME SO QUICKLY IT CAUGHT AMB MARTIN BY SURPRISE, BUT HE IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THIEU'S ABILITY SURVIVE, DEFEND SAIGON, DELTA. MARTIN'S OPTIMISM NOT SHARED BY MILITARY (LISAGOR,

CSN 4/1).

DOD EXPECTS SAIGON ATTACK ANY DAY (GUIDRY, WSTAR 4/3). TENSE CITY FEARS COMMUNIST ASSAULT. GVN IMPOSES STRICT AUSTERITY PROGRAM TO PRESERVE FOOD, POL SUPPLIES. MIL OBSERVER SAYS DEFEAT SELF-INFILCTED. EVERYTHING THAT COULD GO WRONG FOR SVN DID (TAMASKIN, CSN 4/1). NYT'S BUTTERFIELD AT VUNG TAU DESCRIBES LANDING OF SHATTERED, LEADERLESS TROOPS, REMNANTS OF 6 ARVN DIVS. SAYS GVN TRIES KEEP THEM OUT OF SAIGON TO PREVENT SPREADING DISORDER. RECOUNTS STORIES TOLD BY SOME WHO ESCAPED NVA.

NYDN'S GARDELLA WONDERS WHEN VN NEWS BLACKOUT DUE, AS NVA ADVANCES AND POSSIBILITY OF CORRESPONDENTS BEING EVACUATED ARISES.

AFP HANOI REPORTS PICTURES OF DA NANG SURRENDER FEATURED IN NVN PAPERS (WP).

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SEN TUNNEY SAYS REAL SVN QUESTION IS WHETHER IT WILL REMAIN INDEPENDENT OR BE INCORPORATED INTO NVN. ARGUES US SHOULD CONTINUE AID IN ORDER HAVE SOME LEVERAGE TO ENCOURAGE NEGOTIATIONS WITH VC THAT WOULD INSURE SVN RETAINS EXISTENCE AS SEPARATE COUNTRY, AND TO AVOID BLOODBATH (REICH, LAT 4/3).

LAT'S MCARTHUR IN SAIGON (4/3) FINDS MEMORY OF OLD DAYS AS GVN AND US TOP BRASS MET FOR SECRET WAR COUNCIL. SAYS EVIDENT WEYAND GOT ACROSS HARD-NOSED MESSAGE THAT APPEARED TO BE: SOME HIGH-PRIORITY EQUIPMENT ON WAY, BUT TIME FOR SVN DEMONSTRATE ABILITY TO HOLD TERRITORY; IF NOT, ARMS AND MONEY CAN DO NOTHING. LAT'S JOHNSTON WONDERS WHETHER OR NOT SECRET US COMMITMENT WAS MADE SVN AT TIME OF C-F. DETECTS MOVEMENT IN CONGRESS TO DISASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM ANY SUCH COMMITMENT HAK MIGHT HAVE MADE. QUOTES SECSTATE THAT COMMITMENT MORAL, NOT LEGAL.

LONG BORET IN NEWS CONFERENCE AT BALI CALLED ON INSURGENT LEADERS TO HOLD PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. ADDED GKR WILL NEVER SURRENDER, SO WAR'S PROLONGATION DUE OTHER SIDE'S REFUSAL TALK. BORET ACCCOMPANIED LON NOL, RETURNING PP IN FEW DAYS (REUTER, NYT, UPI, NYDN). BUT ACCORDING WP DISPATCH, NOT KNOWN WHETHER LONG BORET WILL RETURN PP.

FANK PUSHED BACK REBEL BULGE 8 MILES NW OF PP; ANNOUNCES THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS, CIVILIANS STILL HOLDING OUT AT

NEAK LUONG. POCHENTONG RECEIVES SHELLFIRE, BUT US AIRLIFT CONTINUES (PHINQ; AP, SUN). TWO PLANELOADS US EMBASSY, VOLAG STAFF WORKERS FLOWN FROM PP TO BANGKOK AFTER US MISSION DECIDES ON 15-PCT REDUCTION (UPI, NYDN). PP POLITICIANS DISCUSS GOVT, MIL COMMAND REORGANIZATION. HEAVY FIGHTING GOES ON ALL AROUND PP. INSURGENTS DO NOT MOVE FAST ENOUGH TO CAPITALIZE ON PENETRATIONS (WP).

SIHANOUK'S OFFICE CALLS "PREMATURE" THAI PM STATEMENT THAT PP FALLEN. KHIEU SAMPHAN CALLS ON GKR SOLDIERS TO LAY DOWN ARMS (WP).

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TWENTY GKR NAVAL OFFICERS TAKING COURSES AT NEWPORT, R.I., WILL COMPLETE TRAINING IN MAY, RETURN CAMBODIA -- THOUGH RECENT EVENTS INCREASE UNCERTAINTY OF THEIR FUTURE (UPI, NYT).

NYT'S LELEVLD AT PP REPORTS GKR STRENGTHENING CITY'S DEFENSES, AND ANNOUNCED EVACUATION OF BESIEGED KOMPONG SEILA. OPINES ABANDONMENT MAY BE PRELUDE TO PULLING OUT

OF OTHER ISOLATED PROV CAPITALS, CITES RUMOR THAT SIEM REAP MAY BE GIVEN UP NEXT AND TROOPS BROUGHT IN TO DEFEND PP. BELIEVES GKR HAS LITTLE CHOICE BUT GIVE UP ON DEFENSE OF PROV CAPITAL IF IT WANTS TO HOLD PP. SAYS FATE OF CAPITAL APPEARS REST ON 2 FACTORS: USE INSURGENTS MAKE OF TROOPS THAT BESIEGED NEAK LUONG, AND OUTCOME OF DEBATE ON MORE MIL AID FOR GKR IN US CONGRESS. NOTES MANY OBSERVERS SEE WAITING GAME ON BOTH SIDES, WITH CONGRESS WAITING TO SEE IF REBELS TAKE PP BEFORE COMMITTING ITSELF TO VOTE, AND REBELS WAITING TO SEE HOW CONGRESS VOTES BEFORE COMMITTING ITS FORCES TO ATTACK CAPITAL

LAT'S LESLIE AT PP (4/3) BELIEVES CAPTURE OF NEAK LUONG PROBABLY WILL RESULT IN INCREASED PRESSURE ON PP, AND ALSO MEANS GKR WILL BE UNABLE REOPEN MEKONG EVEN AFTER RAINS SWELL RIVER. SEES EMBASSY DECISION TO EVACUATE SOME PERSONNEL AS POSSIBLE DUE FALL NEAK LUONG AND PERHAPS ANTICIPATING NEGATIVE AID VOTE IN CONGRESS. WP'S SIMONS NEAR PP REPORTS GKR TROOPS UNAWARE INSURGENT CAPTURE OF NEAK LUONG AND EXPECTED PUSH AGAINST CAPITAL. SAYS MIL OBSERVERS AWED BY REPORTS OF HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT IN NEAK LUONG IN LAST DAYS OF SIEGE. BELIEVES MORALE OF LOWER-RANKING FANK OFFICERS HIGHER THAN THAT OF COMMANDERS.

LESLIE (LAT) FROM PP REPORTS GKR LEADERS PIN HOPES ON BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP WITH INSURGENT LEADERS STRONGER THAN

IDEOLOGY, AND LATTER BE MOVED TO NEGOTIATE QUICK COMPROMISE  
SETTLEMENT. BELIEVES WISHFUL THINKING, SINCE  
EVIDENCE INDICATES REBELS COMMITTED TO COMMUNISM AND  
WILL NOT SHORTEN WAR. REVIEWS INSURGENCY, POINTS OUT  
DOMINANT GROUP SEEMS TO BE FRENCH-TRAINED INTELLECTUALS  
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WHO PICKED UP MARXISM THERE. NOTES SIHANOUK'S ASSOCIATION  
WITH REBELS IS MARRIAGE OF CONVENIENCE.

## 2. CHINA

HSINHUA NEWS AGENCY WEDNESDAY BROADCAST CHARGE US  
VIOLATED SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE BY DEMANDING PERFORMING  
ARTS TOUR DROP SONG ABOUT LIBERATION OF TAIWAN; SAID  
DEMAND "UNACCEPTABLE" TO CHINESE (CSM 4/3). STATEMENT  
ISSUED ON BEHALF FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND PEOPLE'S ASSN  
FOR FRIENDSHIP WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES (WP). MOFA  
SPOKESMAN SAID US ACTION "GROUNLESS" AND "UNREASONABLE"  
(SUN - HK). LIBERATION OF TAIWAN, UNIFICATION WITH  
MOTHERLAND CALLED INTERNAL AFFAIR IN WHICH NO OTHER  
COUNTRY HAS RIGHT INTERFERE, AND "FOR US A MATTER OF  
PRINCIPLE" (AP - TOKYO).

UPI (MOSCOW) CITES LITERATURNAYA GAZETA REPORT  
POWER STRUGGLE STILL GOING ON IN UPPER RANKS OF  
CHINA'S LEADERSHIP, AND ASSERTION THAT "MAJOR INSTRUCTION"  
BY MAO FOR STUDY OF THEORY OF DICTATORSHIP OF PROLETARIAT  
AIMED AT ENDING OPPOSITION TO MAO, CALMING DISCONTENT  
AMONG PEOPLE. GAZETA ADDS MAOISTS USE FAVORITE TACTIC  
OF "SETTING ONE SECTION OF SOCIETY AGAINST ANOTHER."  
HSINHUA ANNOUNCES DEATH IN PEKING WEDNESDAY OF TUNG PI-WU,  
AGED 90. LONG MARCH VETERAN, KEY FIGURE IN NEGOTIATIONS  
WITH GEN. MARSHALL, NAMED ACTING CHIEF OF STATE AFTER  
LIU SHAO-CHI OUSTED 1972. NO MENTION WHEREABOUTS OF MAO,  
WHO HAS NOT MET VISITING DIGNITARY SINCE JANUARY, AND  
BELIEVED NOT IN PEKING FOR SOME TIME (AP, NYDN; WSTAR 4/3).  
PLAYED LITTLE ROLE RECENTLY, AND DEATH MEANS LITTLE IN  
TERMS POWER STRUCTURE (PHINQ). LEAVES MAO LAST LIVING  
CCP FOUNDER IN CHINA (WU, SUN). ONLY OTHER LIVING  
CO-FOUNDER CHANG KUO-TAO BROKE WITH MAO 1930, LIVES IN  
CANADA (PHINQ). TUNG ATTENDED 1945 UNO CONFERENCE IN  
SF (WEIL, WP). JOINED SUN YAT-SEN BEFORE 1911, GRADUATED  
TOKYO LAW COLLEGE, SERVED AS PRES, SUPREME PEOPLES  
COURT OF CHINA (CHING, NYT).

## 3. JAPAN

WP (4/3) FEATURES BICENTINNIEL GIFT FROM JAPAN -- 4  
MILLION DOL COLLECTION OF 53 BONSAI, UNCRATED WEDNESDAY  
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BY USDA. INCLUDES 270-YEAR OLD DWARF RED PINE FROM IMPERIAL COLLECTION, OTHERS DONATED BY MEMBERS IMPERIAL FAMILY, PM MIKI. BUTZ HAILS GIFT AS EQUAL "JAPAN'S GIFT OF FLOWERING CHERRY TREES" IN 1912.

UPI PHOTO SHOWS MIKI DOZING IN DIET BUDGET SESSION (GLOBE, WP 4/3; BALTO N-A 4/2).

EPA SURVEY SHOWS MAJORITY BUSINESSMEN EXPECT NO CHANGE FIRST HALF, BUT FORECAST RECOVERY AFTER SEPT; FIRST REVIVAL OF CONFIDENCE IN TWO YEARS COINCIDES WITH TENTATIVE SIGNS JAPAN'S RECESSION MAY HAVE BOTTOMED OUT (JOC-TOKYO 4/3).

NYT SPECIAL (TOKYO) CITES SENIOR GOJ OFFICIALS -- "DISTURBED AND DIVIDED" BY US FAILURE HELP SVN, CAMBODIA -- THAT MIYAZAWA WILL SEEK REAFFIRMATION OF US DEFENSE COMMITMENT INCLUDING "NUCLEAR UMBRELLA" WHEN MEETS HAK APR 10. ALSO, GOJ SENDING FORMER AMB TO VN NAKAYAMA TO SAIGON FRIDAY TO ASSESS SITUATION (USIA WIRELESS FILE 4/4).

BANK OF JAPAN GOVERNOR MORINAGA TELLS PRESS THURSDAY SEES "NO NEED AT PRESENT" IMPOSE CONTROLS ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN JAPANESE SECURITIES, BUT WOULD CONSIDER

WHEN REACH "INTOLERABLE LEVELS" (UPI, NYT).

MITI COMPLETES DRAFT BILL RAISING PRESENT 60-DAY OIL RESERVE TO 90 DAYS BY 1980. JFY 75 BUDGET INCLUDES 301 MILLION DOLS FOR INDIRECT AID TO HELP FIRMS BUILD INVENTORIES TO 70 DAYS (JOC-TOKYO).

MARCH AUTO SALES TOTAL 405,156, SECOND HIGHEST MONTH IN TWO YEARS, LED BY HEAVY CORPORATE BUYING TO MEET RIGID NEW EMISSION CONTROLS (UPI, JOC).

#### 4. INDONESIA

WSJ (WASHINGTON) NOTES WB APPROVAL 65 MILLION DOL LOAN IMPROVE IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN JAVA; WILL HELP DOUBLE UNCLASSIFIED

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RICE PRODUCTION TO ABOUT 950,000 TONS/YEAR.

#### 5. AUSTRALIA

JOC (LONDON) CITES VICTORIA PM HAMER CALL FOR TOTAL  
BAN ON TEXTILE IMPORTS; BLAMES GOA FOR CUTTING INDUSTRY  
JOBS BY THIRD.

6. PACIFIC ISLANDS

IN SUVA MICRONESIAN DELEGATES TELL INTL CONFERENCE  
FOR NUCLEAR-FREE PACIFIC ALL BUT ONE OF CHILDREN  
ON RONGELAP HAD SURGERY TO REMOVE THYROID TUMORS  
CAUSED BY NUCLEAR TESTS; SAID TUMORS RESULTED FROM  
HIGH LEVEL OF RADIOACTIVE IODINE DURING 96 US TESTS  
ENDING 1958 (WP, PHINQ).

7. KOREA

ABOUT 8,000 STUDENTS BATTLE RIOT POLICE IN ANTI-PARK  
DEMONSTRATIONS AT SNU, YONSEI THURSDAY; DOZEN POLICE,  
STUDENTS INJURED; 127 STUDENTS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY  
(AP, PHINQ; W-STAR 4/3). DEMAND RECENTLY RELEASED  
POLITICAL PRISONER STUDENTS BE ALLOWED RETURN SNU  
(WP).

DISSIDENT POET KIM CHI HA, FREED IN FEB, INDICTED  
THURSDAY FOR WRITING ARTICLE THAT ROKG FABRICATED  
CHARGES AGAINST 21 PERSONS ARRESTED IN ALLEGED PLOT  
OVERTHROW PARK (WP).

NYT SPECIAL (SEOUL) REPORTS VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION  
AT THREE UNIVERSITIES. SAYS YONSEI PRES PARK TAE SUN

RESIGNED AFTER REINSTATING 14 STUDENTS, 2 PROFESSORS  
AGAINST WISHES OF ROKG. NOTES KIM YOUNG SAM LED  
500 PROTESTERS IN PUSAN, CALLING FOR REVISION CONSTITUTION,  
DISSOLUTION KCIA, END TO TORTURE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS.  
ADDS PARK TOURING PROVS CALLED ON STUDENTS STOP POLITICAL  
ACTIVITY, CONCENTRATE ON STUDY, AND CHARGED OPPOSITION  
BLIND TO POSSIBILITY NK WOULD USE POLITICAL TURBULENCE  
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TO LAUNCH NEW ATTACK ON SK.

WP RELIGION COLUMN (NY) SAYS YONSEI TRUSTEES RESIST  
ROKG ULTIMATUM TO FIRE PRES, BAR READMISSION OF STUDENTS,  
AND TWO PROFESSORS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. INDOCHINA

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND IN SAIGON FINDS DOMINO THEORY APPLIES  
TO MUCH OF SVN WHERE COASTAL PROVS FALL ONE AFTER  
ANOTHER IN RECENT DAYS; NOTES INTEREST IN AFP REPORT  
THAT HANOI, PRG, THIRD FORCE ALL STATED IN RECENT  
DAYS FINAL ACT IN VN DRAMA WOULD BE POLITICAL SETTLEMENT  
BASED ON PARIS AGREEMENTS, FOLLOWING DEPARTURE OF THIEU  
(USIA WIRELESS FILE 4/3).

DOWLING (WSTAR 4/3) SAYS PHOTOS OF VN REFUGEES ANSWER  
HAK'S RHETORICAL QUESTION ABOUT WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE  
WE REALLY ARE -- WE ARE SURVIVORS, FOR WHOM THERE IS  
ALWAYS LAST TRAIN OUT OF TOWN, BOAT TO HAUL OUR  
HHE, AIRLIFT TO RESCUE OUR PETS. AS VN GOES DOWN  
THE DRAIN WE ARE LEFT WITH FINAL DEFINITION OF US  
POWER -- "THE LUXURY OF ESCAPE." SURPRISED TO FIND  
VOA VIET STAFFERS NEITHER ANGRY NOR RESENTFUL, QUOTES  
ONE RESIGNED JUDGMENT -- "IF THE DOCTOR DOES SOMETHING  
FOR THE DYING PATIENT AND HE DIES, THAT IS ALL RIGHT.  
IT IS THE WAY THE DOCTOR TREATS HIS PATIENT IN HIS DYING  
MOMENT THAT WILL LAST FOR GENERATIONS."

SHAFFER IN WP (4/2) WRITES ABOUT NUMBER OF SVIETS IN  
US REACTING WITH INCREASING DISPAIR TUESDAY TO RUSH  
OF ADVERSE EVENTS IN HOMELAND (USIA WIRELESS FILE 4/2).

WSJ REVIEW AND OUTLOOK SAYS MAJOR SVN PROBLEM IS  
PSYCHOLOGICAL NOT MILITARY. NO MISTAKING DIFFICULTY  
IN OBTAINING US AID PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE. WHOLE

POINT OF VIETNAMIZATION WAS THAT IF SVN FELL WOULD  
NOT BE DUE TO US ABANDONMENT. WITHOUT ADDED  
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MILITARY AID REQUESTED WE WILL NEVER KNOW WHETHER  
COLLAPSE IS DUE CHIEFLY TO OUR OWN OR SAIGON'S  
INADEQUACIES.

CHALMERS ROBERTS IN WP SAYS THOSE WHO BELIEVE HO CHI MINH  
WOULD BE TITO IF HE CONTROLLED ALL VN WERE BASICALLY  
RIGHT. WE SHOULD NOT LET DEFEAT IN VN SPILL OVER INTO  
OTHER AREAS OF US CONCERN, BUT GET ON WITH SEEKING  
SOLUTIONS TO OTHER INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS IN WORLD  
WHICH JUST WON'T FIT INTO ANY NEAT SCHEME OF THINGS  
(SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

PHINQ CARRIES INTERVIEW WITH DEAN RUSK AT LEHIGH U. IN  
WHICH HE REITERATES SUPPORT FOR US VN POLICY. SAID  
PARIS AGREEMENT WAS MEANS OF GETTING OUR TROOPS  
HOME AND NOTHING MORE.

APPLE IN NYT SAYS FORD RUNNING COUNTER TO GENERAL POLITICAL  
VIEW IN US BY CONTINUING SUPPORT OF GVN (SEE USIA WIRELESS  
FILE).

GETLER IN WP SAYS FORD OPENED WAY FOR DEBATE ON WHO  
IS TO BLAME ON VN BY SAYING THIS UP TO AMERICAN  
PEOPLE (SEE WIRELESS FILE).

ERIC MANN IN BOST GLOBE CALLS FILM "HEARTS AND MINDS"  
A FORGERY.

SUN REPLIES TO AMB PHUONG'S CHARGE THAT US FAILING  
GIVE GVN NEEDED DEFENSIVE ARMS BY NOTING NEWS REPORTS  
OF US PLANES STILL DELIVERING BIG GUNS TO SAIGON; ALSO  
POINTEDLY CITES REPORTS THAT SOME SVN OFFICERS EVACUATING  
HUE KEPT MEN, GUNS OFF BOATS, LOADED TVs, REFRIGERATORS,  
INSTEAD (SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NYT REGRETS PRES DEPARTED FROM "SENSIBLE AND UNIFYING  
COURSE" OF HUMANITARIAN REMARKS ABOUT SVN SITUATION,  
AND TURNED INSTEAD TO "FAMILIAR AND BANKRUPT ASSESSMENTS"  
OF US ROLE IN INDOCHINA ESPoused BY HIS PREDECESSORS.  
IN ACCOMPANYING EDIT, NYT INSISTS WALDHEIM'S REFUSAL  
TO INVOLVE UN IN "CONTROVERSIAL POLITICAL PROBLEM" OF  
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EVACUATING REFUGEES FROM NVN-OCCUPIED TERRITORY CANNOT  
BE ALLOWED STAND IN WAY OF MAJOR UN EFFORT TO ALLEVIATE  
LOT OF HOMELESS VN MASSES, NO MATTER ON WHICH SIDE OF  
CURRENT DIVIDING LINE THEY ARE FOUND (BOTH IN USIA  
WIRELESS FILE). NYDN URGES US MAKE STRONGEST, MOST  
DETERMINED EFFORT POSSIBLE TO PERSUADE WALDHEIM OF HIS

ERROR, EVEN TO EXTENT OF CONDITIONING FUTURE US SUPPORT  
OF UN ON ITS PERFORMANCE IN CURRENT SITUATION.

PHINQ QUESTIONS UN DESIRE TO "PRESERVE ITS IMPARTIALITY"  
IN VN REFUGEE AFFAIR; IF NOT IN UN INTEREST TO BE INVOLVED  
IN MATTER OF HUMAN SUFFERING, "WHAT IN HEAVEN'S NAME"  
IS UN'S INTEREST?

NYT'S RESTON SEES PRES FORD "TRAPPED" AT NEWS CONFERENCE:  
FORCED TO CONCEDE GVN HADN'T INFORMED US OF DECISION TO  
ABANDON HIGHLANDS; TRYING TO HANDLE INTERNATIONAL CRISIS  
WHILE ON VACATION AND BETWEEN GOLF GAMES; AND APPEARING  
AS CONSERVATIVE, ACCIDENTAL EXECUTIVE IN HAWKISH,  
REAGANISH, BUDGET-BALANCING TOWN (SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

CSM'S STROUT ARGUES US HAS NO MORAL OBLIGATION, COMMITMENT  
TO SVN. HARSCH (CSM) INSISTS US DIPLOMATS PRIVATELY

DO NOT SHARE PUBLIC GLOOM OF THEIR POLITICAL LEADERS ABOUT SEA; MANY DOS OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE COMMITMENT TO REGION HAS LONG DIVERTED US ATTENTION, ENERGY FROM SERVICING ESSENTIALS OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY -- ALLIANCE WITH WE, JAPAN. CSM CALLS ADMIN ATTENTION TO PLIGHT OF PERHAPS THREE MILLION SVN POLITICAL REFUGEES; THEIR EVACUATION WOULD REQUIRE CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL, AND SHOULD BE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIR EMBRACING NATIONS THAT HAD TOKEN FORCES IN VN WAR (ALL THREE IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

WSTAR (APR 3) FEELS ADMIN, CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS MUST RETURN TO DRAWINGBOARD, DEVISE NEW US FOREIGN POLICY, FOLLOWING BLOWS SUSTAINED IN SEA, ELSEWHERE. WITH EXCEPTION SK, UNLIKELY WE WILL EVER SEE PROJECTION OF US POWER ONTO ASIA MAINLAND, THOUGH WE RETAIN VITAL INTEREST IN JAPAN, PHILS, INDONESIA, AUSTRALIA, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND RELATIONS WITH THEM MUST BE LINCHPINS OF ANY NEW ASIAN POLICY. PURSUIT OF DETENTE WITH PRC ALSO MUST BE CONTINUED.

GLOBE'S SNOW CONTENDS THERE IS GUILT ENOUGH FOR ALL TO SHARE IN VN: THIEU CAN BE CRITICIZED FOR "MYSTERIOUS DECISION" TO ABANDON CENTRAL HIGHLANDS; ARVN LEADERSHIP FOR NOT CONTROLLING PANIC; NVN FOR "UTTER DISREGARD" OF PARIS AGREEMENTS; AND "WE AMERICANS CAN BE KNOCKED FOR OUR INCONSTANCY AND OUR INATTENTION" TO BREAKUP OF PEACE AGREEMENT.

IN LETTER TO WP, JOHN GRAHAM (JAN '71-JUNE '72 MUNICIPAL ADVISOR TO HUE) MAINTAINS REAL CRISIS IN SVN IS NOT ONE OF AMMO SUPPLY, BUT FACT WE NEVER SUCCEEDED BUILDING

THERE COHESIVE BODY POLITIC, CITIZENRY REASONABLY SATISFIED WITH THEIR POLITICAL SYSTEM AND ITS LEADERSHIP AND REASONABLY WILLING TO WORK AND SUFFER IN ITS NAME.

EVANS/NOVAK ATTRIBUTE SVN COLLAPSE TO STUBBORNNESS OF THIEU IN ABANDONING CENTRAL HIGHLANDS WITHOUT INFORMING US, BEING "UNDERSTANDABLY BITTER OVER REDUCED US AID" (GLOBE).

CDN'S BEECH, IN TOKYO, CONCLUDES SVN IS DOOMED; ARGUES THIEU HAD NO CHOICE BUT ORDER STRATEGIC RETREAT ONCE APPARENT "BATTLE OF WASHINGTON" LOST; ASSERTS "THERE WASN'T ANYTHING VERY PRETTY ABOUT CONGRESS GOING ON EASTER VACATION AFTER REFUSING TO GRANT ADDITIONAL MILITARY AID TO A SMALL COUNTRY IN ITS HOUR OF NEED"

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COPLEY'S NEILAN, RECALLING DOUG PIKE'S DESCRIPTION OF NVN ATROCITIES DURING 24-DAY HUE OCCUPATION IN '68, PREDICTS SAIGON'S "DECISION TO WALK AWAY" FROM CENTRAL HIGHLANDS MAKES "NEW ROUND OF TERROR" LIKELY IN ABANDONED REGION (SAN DIEGO UNION MAR 21).

HEARST'S CONSIDINE (BALT N-A, APR 3) URGES AMERICANS AID, WHERE POSSIBLE ADOPT, SVN ORPHANS. IN SAME PAPER, UNCLASSIFIED

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BUCKLEY FEARS "DETENTE" POLICY HAS TAUGHT AMERICANS COMMUNISM IS NOT GLOBALIST ENTERPRISE; SO THEY DO NOT, UNDER NEW RULES, APPEAR SO EXERCISED OVER "OUR DUTY TO REPEL DISTANT ACTS OF AGGRESSION" BY COMMUNISTS, AS IN VN.

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) PRESENT SOME "RAW FACTS" FROM "SECRET MESSAGES" ABOUT "GRIM NEWS FROM ABROAD": THIEU BLAMED BY USG FOR "INDECISIVE" LEADERSHIP," BUT NVA COMMANDERS' BATTLEFIELD FLEXIBILITY PRAISED IN US MILITARY CABLES; ROKG FAITH IN US SHAKEN BY INDOCHINA EVENTS, WHILE US GRAVELY CONCERNED NK MAY BE ENCOURAGED BY INDOCHINA TO FLEX ITS MUSCLES. SIMILARLY, NYDN'S WIEGHART REPORTS TOP US INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS QUIETLY LESS CONCERNED ABOUT INDOCHINA BACKLASH THAN WITH REACTION TO "MAMMOTH" US POLICY DEFEAT IN MOSCOW, PEKING, PYONGYANG.

WP DECLARES PRES FORD MAKING GRAVE MISTAKE BY CONTINUING TO "INVENT" COMMITMENTS TO SVN THAT NEVER EXISTED IN FACT, AND THEN BLAMING CONGRESS FOR NOT HAVING FULFILLED THEM. PRES THUS CONFOUNDS OWN HOPES FOR SOME MEASURE OF BIPARTISAN COOPERATION IN FOREIGN POLICY BY FALLING INTO "SAME OLD SHELL GAME" THAT HELPED GET US INTO

WAR (USIA WIRELESS FILE 4/4).

CSM'S GODSELL STATES HANOI CLEARLY DID NOT COUNT ON SUDDEN "SOUTH VIETNAMESE COLLAPSE" SET OFF BY THIEU'S "STRATEGIC WITHDRAWAL," AND US ANALYSTS NOW WONDER WHETHER COMMUNISTS WILL GO FOR SAIGON "RIGHT AWAY" OR PAUSE, DIGEST, REORGANIZE FIRST. GIVEN GIAP'S REPUTATION FOR METICULOUS PLANNING THINKS PAUSE LIKELY -- IF PULL OF VACUUM BEFORE HIM NOT TOO STRONG. SOME ANALYSTS BELIEVE PRG COULD NOW ESTABLISH CAPITAL OLD IMPERIAL CITY HUE, OR POPULATION CENTER DANANG.

LAT SAYS THERE MUST BE, ON PART OF US, KIND OF NEW

COMMITMENT TO HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SVN  
PRES SPOKE ABOUT THURSDAY. WE ALSO MUST ENCOURAGE  
C-F, NEGOTIATIONS; THERE MUST BE NO MORE ARMS; THIS  
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IS TIME "TO COUNSEL AN OLD FRIEND" REGARDING SITUATION'S  
"REALITY." LAT'S CONINE FINDS PRES FORD "MORE RIGHT  
THAN HIS CRITICS"; WITH REFERENCE TO THAIS, PHILS,  
SAYS FOREIGN REACTION TO SEA EVENTS SUGGEST SOME  
"DOMINOES" STILL BELIEVE IN "DOMINO THEORY WHETHER  
AMERICANS DO OR NOT."

RAY CLINE FINDS IT HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHY ADMIN PROFESSES  
SURPRISE AT ASSAULT ON SVN. CONTENDS ONCE IT WAS  
DECIDED TO PERMIT NVA STAY IN SVN WHILE US FORCES  
WITHDREW, SEEMED CLEAR DECISION WAS FOR BUYING ONLY  
"INTERVAL"; LOOKS AS IF HANOI CORRECTLY CALCULATED  
US, IN 1975, WOULD SETTLE FOR "INDECENT INTERVAL"  
OF SUPPORTING GVN (LAT APR 3).

#### 9. CHINA

CSM (4/3) DOESN'T BLAME CHINA FOR TRYING SNEAK PROPAGANDA  
INTO PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM, BUT AGREES SPONSOR  
NCUSCR AND DOS "PROPERLY OBJECTED" TO INCLUSION OF  
SONG EXPRESSING DETERMINATION "TO LIBERATE TAIWAN."  
NOTES PEKING REFUSAL TO OMIT LED TO CANCELLATION  
OF TOUR. DEPLORES POLITICIZING CULTURAL EVENT, WHICH  
IN THIS INSTANCE WOULD HAVE BEEN SHARPLY PROVOCATIVE  
TO US AUDIENCE AND CONTRARY TO SPIRIT OF SHANGHAI  
COMMUNIQUE. NOTES INCIDENT RAISES QUESTION ABOUT  
FUTURE OF SINO-US EXCHANGES GENERALLY, WHICH SUPPOSED  
BE RECIPROCAL, MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL -- CHINESE CIRCULATE  
PERIODICALS FREELY IN US BUT AMERICAN JOURNALS HAVE  
NO ACCESS TO CHINESE MARKET. CALLS FOR SPIRIT OF  
GIVE-AND-TAKE TO BROADEN EXCHANGES, BUT "REALISTICALLY"  
SEES NO PROGRESS UNTIL TAIWAN QUESTION RESOLVED.

MEANTIME, SUGGESTS AMERICANS "RIGHT TO HOLD THEIR  
GROUND" WHEN PEKING TRIES PROBE LIMITS OF TOLERANCE.

LAT (4/2) CARRIES CDN REPORT FROM PEKING, NOTING  
DISCLOSURE BY CHINESE OFFICIALS THAT PEKING-BOUND  
MAIL OF AT LEAST ONE US SEN, OTHER PROMINENT AMERICANS,  
"TAMPERED WITH." CHINESE SAY MAIL INTERCEPTED BY  
NATIONALIST CHINESE AGENTS WORKING IN HK POST OFFICE  
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OUT "TO EMBARRASS" PRC. SEN HUMPHREY OFFICE CONFIRMED LETTER TO CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE IN PEKING TAMPERED WITH, "FAKE" REPLY DENOUNCED HIM AS "IMPERIALIST... CAPITALIST." SEN'S AIDE ALSO SAYS NOTIFIED DOS BUT NEVER GOT REPLY, WHICH CDN SAYS "RELUCTANTLY" CONFIRMED BY DOS SOURCE. USPS SPOKESMAN SAYS NEVER INFORMED OF MAIL TAMPERING, BUT ADMITS MAIL COULD BE TAMPERED WITH IN HK, WHICH CHIEF TRANSFER AGENT FOR ALL US-CHINA MAIL. PRC NOTES NOW SENDING AIRMAIL US VIA JAPAN, AFTER CIVAIR AGREEMENT. USPS NOTES SOME MAIL FOR "CHINA" MISTAKENLY SENT TAIWAN. CDN NOTES NO US OR PRC POSTAL OFFICIALS WOULD COMMENT ON RECENT DISCLOSURES SOME MAIL TO PRC BEING OPENED SAN FRANCISCO BY CIA.

BC PROF PETER TANG ANALYZES NEW PRC CONSTITUTION IN CSM (4/3). TERMS IT MODEL FOR REVOLUTIONARY STATEHOOD NEVER SEEN BEFORE IN COMMUNIST NATIONS, THAT MAY REPLACE 1936 STALIN CONSTITUTION PATTERN IN COMMUNIST NATIONS AROUND WORLD. NOTES ROLE OF CP IN STATE MECHANISM OBSCURE UNDER STALIN MODEL, LEAVING OPEN EVENTUAL POSSIBILITY OF OBSCURING, ABANDONING REVOLUTIONARY GOAL; BY CHARGING CCP WITH OVERALL REVOLUTIONARY TASK NEW PRC CONSTITUTION EXPLICITLY CONCENTRATES POWER IN HANDS OF PARTY, WHICH ASSUMES DIRECT CONTROL OVER STATE MACHINERY AND ARMY. EVEN HIGHEST ORGAN OF STATE POWER, NPC, PLACED UNDER CCP, MAKING CLEAR THAT PARTY IS "PARENT" WHICH CREATES STATE MACHINERY TO SERVE ITS REVOLUTIONARY PURPOSES. CAUTIONS DRASTIC REVISION NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS ATTEMPT SERVE PERSONAL INTERESTS, OR POWER STRUGGLES AMONG LEADERS, BUT "MUST BE REGARDED" AS INNOVATION TO INSTITUTIONALIZE LEADERSHIP ROLE OF PARTY. OBSERVES IT "VIGOROUSLY REAFFIRMS" CHINA'S TOTAL DEDICATION TO CONTINUATION OF COMMUNIST-LED REVOLUTION. WSTAR'S BRADSHER REVIEWS APRIL RED FLAG ARTICLE BY

CHANG CHUN-CHIAO THAT CHARGES "SOME" TOP CCP OFFICIALS WORK FOR "CAPITALISTIC GOALS"; VIEWS AS STRONG CHALLENGE TO CHOU EN-LAI "PRAGMATIC MANAGEMENT OF CHINA" (USIA WIRELESS FILE 4/4).

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GLOBE AND MAIL'S BURNS IN PEKING (CSM) NOTES PEOPLE'S DAILY REPORTING THOUSANDS OF CIVILIANS WHO FLED DANANG AHEAD OF COMMUNIST TROOPS NOT REFUGEES VOTING WITH FEET, BUT ORDINARY PEOPLE WITH PRO-COMMUNIST SYMPATHIES FORCED TO GO AT GUNPOINT. CONFLICTING WESTERN, CHINESE PRESS

REPORTS MAKE DIFFICULT BELIEVE COVERING SAME WAR -- IN CONTRAST WESTERN ACCOUNTS OF PANIC, FLIGHT FROM DANANG, CHINESE DESCRIBE "JUBILANT POPULATION RISING SPONTANEOUSLY TO SIEZE CONTROL OF THE CITY."

GEORGE F. WILL (WP, SUN 4/3) PANS MACLAINE BOOK "YOU CAN GET THERE FROM HERE" FOR ITS HYPERVENTILATION OVER "GLORIFICATION OF SELFLESSNESS, THE REFUSAL TO OSCTRACIZE, THE ENDORSEMENT OF GROUP ACTION, THE REVERENCE FOR THE WISDOM OF CHAIRMAN MAO..." RECALLS WHEN LADY ASTOR MET STALIN ASKED "WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO STOP KILLING PEOPLE," BUT WHEN MS. MACLAINE MET MS. CHOU ASKED ABOUT "THE ROLE OF THE ARTIST IN CHINA." CHARACTERIZES MACLAINE'S AS "THE AUTHENTIC VOICE OF THE AMERICAN LEFT: COME HOME, DESPICABLE AMERICA, TO YENAN, WHERE THERE IS NO FREEWHEELING ABUSE OF FREEDOM."

#### 10. AUSTRALIA

CSM'S MILLAR IN CANBERRA (4/1) COMMENTS OPPOSITION LEADERSHIP SWITCH REMOVES ALL THREAT OF ELECTION, NOW SEEMS LIKELY WHITLAM ABLE STAY OFFICE REMAINING TWO YEARS OF MANDATE. NEW LP LEADER MALCOM FRASER TOLD PRESS WANTS GET ELECTION TALK OUT OF AIR SO GOVT COULD GET ON WITH BUSINESS OF GOVERNING, AND ONLY "REPREHENSIBLE" BEHAVIOR BY GOA WOULD FORCE EARLY ELECTION. NOTES LP ELECTED FRASER BY CLEAR MAJORITY, DESPITE ENEMIES LIKE GORTON, WHO NOW INTENDS RUN AS IND, AND FORBES WHO SAID WOULD RESIGN NEXT ELECTION.

#### 11. GENERAL

WSJ'S KEATLEY THROUGHTFULLY REBUTS VIEW THIS "WORST TWO WEEKS FOR AMERICAN DIPLOMACY SINCE 1939." OBSERVES MANY EXPERTS BELIEVE ESSENTIAL LINES OF US FOREIGN POLICY REMAIN "FIRM, FRAYED AROUND EDGES BUT INTACT," UNCLASSIFIED

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AND US WILL EMERGE FROM STORM WITH MORE SHARPLY DEFINED POLICIES, MORE CREDIBLE, AND IN SOME WAYS STRONGER. NOTES SECDEF ARGUES "CREDIBILITY PROBLEMS ARE PRIMARILY

LOCALIZED," AND BRANDT SAID IN WASHINGTON "THERE IS NOT THE SLIGHTEST MISTRUST (IN EUROPE) OF THE UNITED STATES." INGERSOLL

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